and winter components respectively are given in the Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 13)

(c) by virtue of the expeditions to Antarctica India has established a permanent station at Maitri (70° 45' 39.4"S, 11° 44' 48.6"E) and a supply-cum-summer base camp at Dakshin Gangotri (70° 05'S, 12° 00'E). As a result, India is a Consultative Party to the Antarctica Treaty, Member of the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) and Member of the Commission for Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR).

Valuable data and information has been collected under various disciplines of science *viz.* Earth Sciences, Atmospheric Sciences and Magnetosphere, Meteorology, Biosciences and Environmental Physiology. A complete Geological map of the Wolhthat region in Antarctica is now available. The results obtained from various expeditions are, at present, available in five volumes.

The total expenditure incurred so far on the eleven Antarctic expenditions is Rs. 82.85 crore approximately.

दूरदर्शन का दूसरा राष्ट्रीय चैनल

*45. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह :
श्री बेकल "उत्साही" :

क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दूरदर्शन का दूसरा राष्ट्रीय चैनल आरंभ किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसकी अनुमानित लागत क्या है; और

(ग) क्या इसके लिए अनिवासी भारतीयों सहित गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र से धन प्राप्त किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है; यदि हां, तो कितना और किन शर्तों पर ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : (क) दूसरे राष्ट्रीय चैनल (एन-2) की स्थापना करने की स्कीम को आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में शामिल करने का प्रस्ताव है।

(ख) प्रारंभिक अनुमानों के अनुसार स्कीम पर लगभग 2460 करोड़ रुपए की लागत आएगी।

(ग) फिलहाल ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Central Public Sector Pharmaceutical Units in West Bengal

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SHRI SUKOMAL SEN

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government have received any letter from the Chief Minister of West Bengal concerning three Central Public Sector Pharmaceutical Units of the State ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Chief Minister of West Bengal has suggested that attempt should first be made to devise, fund and impleme..t appropriate rehabilitation strategies before other alternatives are pursued in respect of Bengal Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Bengal Immunity Limited and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd., the three Calcutta based public sector drug companies. The Hon'ble Chief Minister has been informed by the Prime